

in the market from £. 158 to £. 160 sterling; that the agent is persuaded that Mr. Pinkney, in consequence of his instructions; and from a desire to be useful to the state, will exert himself to procure a final settlement of this extremely procrastinated and tedious piece of business; that if the assignees of the state should recover the sum assigned to them; (which cause has some time ago been argued before the chancellor,) the state, he conceived; would certainly be entitled to a decree in its favour, and that the suit to obtain it might be renewed without any considerable loss of time:

Upon the whole, the committee have some expectation; that in consequence of Mr. Pinkney's endeavours, some more favourable accounts, as to this stock, may be received between the present and next session of assembly; the committee, however, suggest to the legislature, the propriety of passing a resolve, directing the agent to lay before the next assembly, in writing, early in the session, the instructions given by him to Mr. Pinkney, the solicitors in chancery, or to any other persons assembly, in writing, the answers and advices he may receive from all, or any of the persons aforesaid, during its recess; and to lay before it a statement of the suit or suits now depending, or hereafter to be instituted, in the court of chancery, with the parties thereto.

The committee, in closing this report, think proper to express their opinion, that the state has been thus long kept out of its money from the want of an active intelligent agent on the spot; conversant with the practice of the court of chancery, to take care of its interest, and to urge the counsel to revive and prosecute the suit in the high court of chancery of England to a final hearing and decree.

By order;

J. PARROTTE, clk.

Which was read.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the bill for recording the deed therein mentioned, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 16, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have received your message, and now return you the bill, entitled, An act for recording the deed therein mentioned, with the amendment of yesterday struck out, in hopes that you will pass it on reconsideration. We are satisfied that the principles of this bill have often influenced the legislature, and many instances, if necessary, might be cited. If any amendments occurring to you as protective of creditors or rights acquired antecedent to the execution of said deed are made known or communicated to us, we will give them all necessary consideration.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for increasing the jurisdiction of the corporation of the city of Annapolis; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Baker laid before the house a letter from the chancellor, submitting a system for amending the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans, and other representatives of deceased persons; which was read.

Mr. Winchester, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for building a record-office, and securing and transcribing certain records and papers, in Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act directing the proceedings against persons guilty of fornication; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Carroll, Mr. Digges and Mr. Worthington, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Reintzel, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising commissioners to survey, mark and bound, certain streets in Beatty and Hawkins addition to George-town, in Montgomery county, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jarrett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Ramsey, of Baltimore county, report, that they have examined the vouchers accompanying said petition, and find by the auditor's certificate, Joseph Watt purchased of Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, on the tenth day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, thirty acres of land in the reserves of Harford county, for which he gave bond to the state for the sum of six pounds. Your committee also find by the receipt of William Marbury, agent, that the said Ramsey has paid the whole of principal, interest and costs, of the purchase aforesaid by the said Watt. And whereas it appears by the law, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, that the intendant's powers for the sale of reserved land in this state had ceased, and that any further sale by him must be nugatory and void, and that no patent could issue on any such subsequent sale: And whereas the said Ramsey has included the aforesaid land under a warrant of resurvey, and praying the money so paid to the agent aforesaid should be applied to his credit, as part of the composition money on his resurvey as aforesaid; and it appearing to your committee reasonable and just that the money so paid should be applied as aforesaid, therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore place to the credit of Robert Ramsey, as a part of his composition money in his warrant of resurvey aforesaid, called Risque in the certificate now lodged in the land-office of the western shore, the sum of nine pounds nine shillings and one penny,